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COMMERCIAL FIRE

4456 Summer Avenue



MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 4456 Summer Avenue, Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 10:49 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one story commercial structure. Twenty (20) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately fifty-four (54) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Division Chief T. Grant was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:48 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant commercial structure **did not have** a sprinkler system. Total damage is estimated at \$43,500.00 structure and no contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the interior of the structure. This fire is still under investigation. *Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.*

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by completing an application on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or contact the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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